

Good evening,

We have the following events coming up this week and in the near future:

- **Friday is a Jeans Day.** Students may wear blue jeans *if* they pay **\$1**. Friday is also **World Duchenne Awareness Day**. One of our 5th graders, Sam Stander, has Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. DMD is characterized as a genetic and progressive muscle-wasting disease that currently afflicts 1 in 3,500 boys worldwide. Please support our efforts to help find a cure for all boys with DMD by wearing a **red t-shirt** tomorrow. All of the **Jeans Day money** will go towards **Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy**. Parent Project is the leading organization in the US paving the way for research, funding, support and awareness. For more information about Duchenne or the Parent Project, please visit www.parentprojectmd.org
- **Sunday, September 9 ~ School Mass at 9 A.M.** Each month, our school family has been invited to join the St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Community as a group at a weekend Mass. This school year, we will usually attend the 9 A.M. Mass on the second weekend of the month. Our students will be the lectors, ministers of hospitality and choir for these Masses. We ask all of our students to please attend in their Mass day uniform.
- **Tuesday, September 11 ~ Assembly to kick off Steps for Students at 8:30 A.M.**
- **Tuesday, September 11 ~ Cub Scouts at 6 P.M. in Rooms 107-111**
- **Wednesday, September 12 ~ Girl Scouts recruiting meeting at 6 P.M.** (please see the attached flyer for more information)
- **Saturday, September 15 ~ Altar Server and MC training from 9 – 11:30 A.M.** in the church. See below for more details.
- **Saturday, September 15 ~ Bingo hosted by the Knights of Columbus in the FLC from 6 – 9 P.M.** They will have hot dogs, nachos and more available!
- **Sunday, September 16 ~ Blood Drive sponsored by the Catholic Daughters in the FLC from 8:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.** All blood types are needed. You can call Rosa Herrera at 281-687-5823 to sign up for an appointment. Or just show up – walk-ins are never turned away!

Camp Kappe is going to be September 25-28 this year, which is much earlier than we have attended in previous years. Not only is this a fantastic educational opportunity for our students, it is also a terrific bonding experience for the class. By doing it in the fall instead of the spring, hopefully the students will have an even stronger bond than normal. Parents, please send the **signed permission slips** in now.

Watch your email inbox for our first edition of the **2018-2019 Lion's Roar**. Mr. Eddie is busy loading it up with pictures from the first few days of school. He has received so many photos that he will be publishing the Lion's Roar every two weeks beginning **September 14**.

The yearly **Festival of Ministries** will be held in the FLC this weekend on **September 8 & 9**. You can renew your commitment to a ministry and/or sign up for a new one at this weekend event.

All new and returning **Altar Servers** and **MCs** are required to attend **refresher training** on Saturday, **September 15**, from **9 – 11:30 A.M.** All **parents** are required to **attend the first 45 minutes** for an information meeting. To qualify as an altar server, you must be in at least the 2nd grade and have made your 1st Communion. Please contact **Vickie VanGordon** at **832-496-9876** with any questions.

Are you tired of stepping on Legos or Duplos blocks when you walk around your house? Such a deal I have for you!!! We are looking for new or gently used Legos and Duplos blocks for our upcoming PTO Family Fun Night Block Party. You can drop off your donation in the front office and I will make sure the blocks find a new home (far far away from your bare feet)!

Mr. Eddie Greene has created a **SignUpGenius** form if you would like to give our teachers a **duty-free lunch**. You must be VIRTUS certified and the hours you help will count towards your Family Involvement Commitment (FIC) hours. Please visit the SMMCS website for the link and, under “Parents,” click on “Volunteer” or you can click on the link here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094ea9aa2aa2f58-volunteer2>
Our teachers thank you from the bottom of their hearts!

Mrs. Laura Rocha is still missing some **Family Handbook Acknowledgement forms**. Please send them in to the front office and I will make sure she receives them. Or you can scan them to her at lrocha@smmcs.org.

Parenting classes for Love and Logic Way will begin in October. Please email Mrs. Laura Valladares at lvalladares@smmcs.org if you are interested in attending.

Don't forget all the great ways you can support the school just by doing your normal shopping! Check out the attached flyers about:

- Bonus **Box Tops for Education** from **HEB** which started **September 5!**
- **Kellogg** and **Scholastic Books** are partnering up to offer free books, just for purchasing participating Kellogg's products. The program runs through **September 30, 2018** and there is a limit of 10 books per participant. Click https://www.kelloggsfamilyrewards.com/en_US/promotions/feeding-reading.html?version=VERSION1_K1&PID=52418023&utm_source=newsletter060118&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_term=DW_TOT_NBS_052418_103018_BTS_Welcome_get_details_here_text_link&utm_campaign=MLS_BTS_WELCOME_RECEIPT_PREMEMBER_TRIGGER_UPDATES for all of the information. You can keep the books for your home, or donate them to your student's teacher for the classroom libraries. As far as I can tell, you can purchase the Kellogg products from any store.
- **Box Tops for Education** will donate \$5 to our school when you buy 5 participating products from **Walmart** and you scan your receipt using the Box Tops Bonus app. Find out more information at <https://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/in-store-offers>. This offer ends **09/10/18 (Monday)**.

I have coupons from Payless Shoe Source at the front desk that are good until 12/31/18. You save 20% of your entire transaction whether you are in-store or shopping online at payless.com. Stop by and pick one up!

Save the Dates:

- September 18 ~ Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A in Humble – more info to follow
- September 22 ~ PTO Family Fun Night Block Party (as in Legos & Duplos!!!)
- September 29 ~ Catholic Daughters of America Italian Dinner 6:30 – 9:00 P.M. in the FLC. Tickets are \$10 per person and children 5 and under are free!!! Please contact Rosa Herrera at 281-687-5823 for more information.

Check the www.smmcs.org website calendar for up-to-the-minute information about all of our school events!